

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of:           | ) |                                |
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| Frédéric FORTIN et al.          | ) | Group Art Unit: 3733           |
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| Application No.: 10/760,075     | ) | Examiner: Woodall, Nicholas W. |
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| Filed: January 18, 2004         | ) |                                |
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| For: FLEXIBLE VERTEBRAL LINKING | ) | Confirmation No.: 1916         |
| DEVICE                          | ) |                                |

**Mail Stop Petition**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on February 21, 2007. A Petition to Revive Unintentionally Abandoned Application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b) is being filed concurrently with this Reply. In accordance with §1.137(b), please enter this Reply to the Office Action mailed July 17, 2006.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are included in this paper:

- (1) Marked-Up Substitute Specification
- (2) Clean Copy Substitute Specification

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment sections of this paper.